

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the subject application. The non-final Office Action of November 15, 2002 has been received and contents carefully reviewed. By this amendment, Applicant amends claim 7 and adds new claims 12-26. Accordingly, claims 1-26 are currently pending in this application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

In the non-final Office Action of November 15, 2002, the Examiner rejected claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen (U.S. Pat. No. 6,456,353) in view of Taguchi (U.S. Pat. No. 5,949,512); rejected claims 7-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen in view of Taguchi; and rejected claims 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamazaki et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,362,866) in view of Taguchi. The rejection of claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

The rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen in view of Taguchi is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1 and 7 are allowable over the cited references in that claims 1 and 7 recite a combination of elements including, for example “a pad part being provided with a plurality of pads bonded to pads of the liquid crystal display panel and divided into at least two parts” None of the cited references including Chen and Taguchi teaches or suggest at least these features of the claimed invention.

In the Office Action dated November 15, 2002 at page 2, the Examiner stated, “Chen does not appear to have a pad part divided into at least two parts; however, Taguchi does have a TCP with a base film that has an aperture region that divides the film into two regions [Figure 1(a)].” Applicants agree with Examiner that Chen does not teach or suggest a pad part divided

into at least two parts. However, Applicants respectfully disagree that Taguchi cures this deficiency.

For the following reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that Taguchi does not disclose “a pad part being provided with a plurality of pads bonded to pads of the liquid crystal display panel and divided into at least two parts” as claimed in claims 1 and 7. The Examiner refers to Fig. 1(a) of Taguchi as teaching this feature. However, “output-terminal forming area” in Fig. 1(a) of Taguchi does **NOT** show, teach or suggest “a pad part being provided with a plurality of pads bonded to pads of the liquid crystal display panel and divided into at least two parts” as claimed in the present application and as recited by at least claim 1 of the present application.

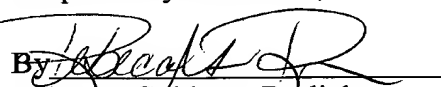
Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that none of the cited references including Chen and Taguchi, singly or in combination, teaches or suggest “a pad part being provided with a plurality of pads bonded to pads of the liquid crystal display panel and divided into at least two parts” as claimed in claims 1 and 7. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-10 are allowable over the cited references.

With respect to the rejection of claim 11, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 11 is allowable over the cited references for the same reasons set forth above.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

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7. (Amended) A liquid crystal display wherein a tape carrier package is bonded onto a liquid crystal display panel, comprising:

a pad part being provided with a plurality of pads bonded to pads of the liquid crystal display panel and divided into at least two parts; and

a substrate provided with pads of a driving wire to which pads of the tape carrier package is bonded, said tape carrier package being bonded onto the substrate.